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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REPLY TO MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE FROM
LIFE PRESIDENT BANDA ON TENERIFE PLANE CRASH

1. FOLLOWING COMMERCIAL CABLE WAS RECEIVED MARCH 29 BY
WHITE HOUSE:

QUOTE: THE PRESIDENT, THE WHITE HOUSE. I HAVE BEEN
DEEPLY SHOCKED TO LEARN OF THE DISASTEROUS AIR COLLISION
OF TWO BOEING 747S OF THE AMERICAN PANAM AND DUTCH KLM
AIRLINES IN THE CANARY ISLANDS ON 20TH MARCH 1977 RE-
SULTING IN THE DEATH OF HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE. I WISH TO
CONVEY TO YOUR EXCELLENCY AND THROUGH YOU TO THE GOVERN-
MENT AND PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA SINCERE
CONDOLENCES. PLEASE CONVEY TO THE BEREAVED FAMILIES
DEEPEST SYMPATHIES. H. KAMUZU BANDA, LIFE PRESIDENT OF
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THE REPUBLIC OF MALAWI. END QUOTE.

2. PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING PRESIDENTIAL REPLY ASAP:

(BEGIN TEXT) HIS EXCELLENCY, DR. H. KAMUZU BANDA, LIFE
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF MALAWI, LILONGWE. DEAR MR.
PRESIDENT: THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND MESSAGE OF MARCH 29.

ON BEHALF OF THE BEREAVED FAMILIES OF THE AMERICANS IN-

VOLVED IN THE AIRCRAFT DISASTER IN THE CANARY ISLANDS,
I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR YOUR SYMPATHETIC
CONCERN. SINCERELY, JIMMY CARTER. (END TEXT)

3. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT INTEND TO RELEASE, BUT HAS NO
OBJECTION SHOULD GOM WISH TO DO SO.
CHRISTOPHER

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